

House File 2362 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the assistance amount under the national
2 guard educational assistance program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.86, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Educational assistance paid pursuant to this section
4 shall not exceed the resident tuition rate established for
5 institutions of higher learning under the control of the state
6 board of regents. If the amount appropriated in a fiscal
7 year for purposes of this section is insufficient to provide
8 educational assistance to all national guard members who apply
9 for the program and who are determined by the adjutant general
10 to be eligible for the program, the adjutant general shall, in
11 coordination with the commission, determine the distribution
12 of educational assistance. However, educational assistance
13 paid pursuant to this section shall not be less than fifty one
14 hundred percent of the resident tuition rate established for
15 institutions of higher learning under the control of the state
16 board of regents or fifty one hundred percent of the tuition
17 rate at the institution attended by the national guard member,
18 whichever is lower. Neither eligibility nor educational
19 assistance determinations shall be based upon a national guard
20 member's unit, the location at which drills are attended, or
21 whether the eligible individual is a member of the Iowa army
22 or air national guard.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill relates to the assistance amount under the
25 national guard educational assistance program in accordance
26 with Code section 261.86.

27 Under current law, if appropriations are not sufficient,
28 the adjutant general, in coordination with the college student
29 aid commission, determines the distribution of assistance.
30 However, the assistance amount cannot be less than 50 percent
31 of resident tuition rate established for institutions of higher
32 learning under the control of the state board of regents or 50
33 percent of the tuition rate at the institution attended by the
34 national guard member, whichever is lower. The bill changes
35 the required percentages to 100 percent.